

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Response to Amendment

1. This action is responsive to applicant's amendment and remarks received on 6/15/09. Claims 2-8 and 10-23 are currently pending.
2. Claims 2-8 and 10-23 (to be re-numbered as 1-21) are allowed.
3. In light of Applicant's amendments, the 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection has been withdrawn.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
Regarding claims 17 and 20, the claim recites a method of segmenting pixels comprising the features of "a step of recording in a file describing the multimedia content, information on the sub-image with the selected resolution, which is a highest resolution that can be retrieved by an end user when displaying the multimedia content." The Examiner has not found any other prior art to anticipate or render obvious the quoted claim limitations when read in light of the other claimed limitation. Accordingly, claims 17 and 20 are found to be allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ELISA M. RICE whose telephone number is (571)270-1582. The examiner can normally be reached on 12:00-8:30p.m. EST Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Werner can be reached on (571)272-7401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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